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FCC NTX Update - Essay deadline approaches, last call for Virtual Cities

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LAST CALL FOR VIRTUAL CITIES (SIMCITY FILES): 20 December (Friday) is the last day to submit your Virtual Cities. Upload your SimCity 4 city files, or complete the online form and tell us where to find your SimCity (new) cities.

NOTE: Not submitting a city does not disqualify you from the competition. You can continue with the other deliverables (but you won't be in the running for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards).

Furthermore, you don't absolutely need to reach the 50,000 population mark. That is a benchmark and a category on the rubric. It will cost you a few points, but it not a requirement.

ESSAY AND NARRATIVE DEADLINE: 20 December is also the deadline for submitting the Essay and Narrative files. You may continue to work on these deliverables and submit them late (until 10 January) for a 5 point deduction.

You must also complete and submit the essay and narrative forms. You can find electronic copies of these forms at www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html.

3-D SCALE MODEL: Now that you have completed your Virtual City, pick out a section of it to model on the physical (3-D) scale model. Try to find a section that includes residential, commercial and industrial buildings. Also, since this year's theme is on transportation, you should pick a section with some transportation structures.

You will decide on the scale – depending on how much of the detail you want to include and how large you want your buildings to be on the model. TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SCALE, check out the Learning Block at <http://futurecity.org/lb/build/a/models-models-models>. Remember that you must hold to your scale in all three dimensions.

A FINAL NOTE ON MODELS – you will need to keep track of your expenses for the model (and presentation) and document them on the Expense Form. You must not spend more than \$100 on the model and presentation. Keep your receipts to include with the form.

HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON. And Good Luck!

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